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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 781 (1992), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 8 February and 10 February 1993, there appear to have been eight flights of fixed or rotary wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with operative paragraph 1 of resolution 781 (1992) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with operative paragraph 3 of that resolution. Details as to the time and the itinerary of these flights are attached as annex I to this note verbale.

All confirmed violations were immediately protested by UNPROFOR to the party concerned.

ANNEX I

INFORMATION ON FLIGHTS IN THE AIRSPACE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE

(8 - 10 February 1993)

SRL	DATE	START	END	REMARKS	HEADING SPEED ALTITUDE
430	8 Feb	11:08	11:22	UNMOs at the Area Control Centre in Belgrade detected an aircraft, probably a helicopter, operating 40 nautical miles Northeast of Sarajevo in the vicinity of Gradac. The aircraft was tracked for 14 minutes and remained in the general area of Gradac before fading from radar coverage.	Manoeuvring in area Slow Low
431	8 Feb	11:22	11:27	An aircraft, probably a helicopter, was detected 7 nautical miles Southwest of Banja Luka city. The aircraft was tracked for 5 minutes at a slow speed and faded from radar coverage 13 nautical miles Southwest of Banja Luka. UNMOs at both of Banja Luka airfields reported no sightings of this aircraft and there were no reported helicopter movement from either of the airfields which could have corresponded to this track.	Southwest 100 kts Low
432	8 Feb	12.13	12.25	UNMOs at Cazin airport, North of Bihac, reported a flight by a powered glider with no visible armaments. The aircraft remained within visual sight at all times and flew for approximately 12 minutes.	Over the airport Slow Low
433	8 Feb	12.30	12.40	UNMOs at Cazin airport, North of Bihac, reported a second flight by the same powered glider, again with no visible armaments. The aircraft remained within visual sight of the airfield at all times and flew for approximately 10 minutes.	Over the airport Slow Low
434	9 Feb	08.35	11.26	A MEDEVAC flight was scheduled and authorised to fly from Knin to Banja Luka hospital. The aircraft was inspected in Knin and found to be carrying medical patients as authorised. At 08.35Z, it departed towards Banja Luka. On the premise of an alleged "Croatian air threat", however, the UNMOs in Banja Luka were prevented from travelling to the hospital to meet the flight and were thus unable to monitor its arrival. The aircraft arrived at Zaluzani two hours behind schedule, and upon inspection was found to be empty and unarmed. Since the 3 hours flight could not be accounted for this flight has been reported as a violation of the No-Fly-Zone Security Council Resolution.	Unknown Unknown Unknown

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435	9 Feb	15.50	15.50	Danish Battalion ground troops observed 2 Gazelle helicopters overfly their position. The aircraft were painted green and flying fast. Armament could not be determined by the observers. The helicopters continued on an unaltered heading directly into the No Fly Zone.	Southeast Fast 600 ft
436	10 Feb	07.54	15.15	An Mi8 helicopter departed Zaluzani airfield at 07.54Z for an alleged CASEVAC mission to Bosanski Petrovac. The flight was checked before departure the UNMOs, however, were not given details of its planned itinerary. Furthermore, the flight was not tracked by AWACs and its destination was not known. It was checked upon arrival and was fount to be found empty.	Unknown Unknown Unknown
437	10 Feb	n/a	13.40	A second Mi8 helicopter arrived at Banja Luka Zaluzani at 13.40Z, alleged to have flown a CASEVAC flight from Drvar. No details were given to the UNMOs nor was monitoring possible other than a check following its arrival. This flight failed to conform to the guidelines of CASEVAC flights and is, therefore, also a violation.	Unknown Unknown Unknown